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Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects
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Draft report

I. Introduction

1. In its resolution 63/72, concerning the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, the General Assembly decided to convene an open-ended meeting of governmental experts to address key implementation challenges and opportunities relating to particular issues and themes, including international cooperation and assistance, for a period of one week, no later than 2011.

2. In its resolution 64/50, the General Assembly recalled its decision to convene an open-ended meeting of governmental experts.

3. In its resolution 65/64, the General Assembly decided that, in conformity with resolution 64/50, the open-ended meeting of governmental experts to address key implementation challenges and opportunities relating to particular issues and themes, including international cooperation and assistance, would be held in New York from 9 to 13 May 2011.

II. Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration of the meeting

4. The Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects was held at United Nations Headquarters from 9 to 13 May 2011. Ten plenary meetings were held to consider the key implementation challenges and opportunities relating to particular issues and themes, including international cooperation and assistance.

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5. Secretariat services were provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The Office for Disarmament Affairs provided support on substantive issues.

6. The Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects was opened by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Sergio Duarte, who made a statement. The High Representative also conducted the election of the Chair of the meeting.

B. Officers

7. At the 1st meeting, on 9 May, Mr. Jim McLay (New Zealand) was elected by acclamation to serve as the Chair.

8. At the 2nd meeting, also on 9 May, the following officers were elected by acclamation:

Vice-Chairs:

Philippines, Bulgaria and Saint Lucia.

9. At the 5th meeting, on 11 May, the following officer was elected by acclamation:

Vice-Chair:

Nigeria.

C. Adoption of the agenda

10. At the 1st meeting, the provisional agenda for the meeting (A/CONF.192/MGE/2011/L.1) was adopted, as orally revised. The revised agenda (A/CONF.192/MGE/2011/L.1/Rev.1) reads as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs.
2. Election of the Chair.
3. Statement of the Chair.
4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
5. Introduction to the issue.
6. Consideration of key implementation challenges and opportunities relating to the International Tracing Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons, including international cooperation and assistance:
   (a) Marking;
   (b) Record-keeping;
   (c) Cooperation in tracing;
   (d) National frameworks;

(e) Regional cooperation;

(f) International assistance and capacity-building.

7. Any other business and consideration and adoption of the report of the meeting.

11. At the same meeting, the programme of work (A/CONF.192/MGE/2011/L.2) was considered and adopted, as orally revised. The revised programme of work was subsequently circulated under the symbol A/CONF.192/MGE/2011/L.2/Rev.1.

D. Rules of procedure

12. Also at the 1st meeting, it was decided that the rules of procedure of the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects held in 2001 (A/CONF.192/L.1) would be applied mutatis mutandis.

13. At the same meeting, in accordance with rule 63, paragraphs (a) and (b), of the rules of procedure, a decision was taken on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the meeting.

E. Documentation

14. The thematic discussion papers submitted by the Chair of the meeting are contained in document A/CONF.192/MGE/2011/CRP.1.

15. The list of participants in the meeting is contained in document A/CONF.192/MGE/2011/INF/1.

III. Proceedings

16. At the 1st meeting, the meeting discussed organization of work and introduction to the issue. Statements were made by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and the Chair-designate of the second Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, to be held in 2012, and its Preparatory Committee, the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations.

17. The Chair of the meeting made an introductory statement. Statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland, Egypt and the United States of America; further statements were made by the representatives of Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (on behalf of the Andean Community), the Sudan, Cuba and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

18. At its 2nd and 3rd meetings, held on 9 and 10 May, respectively, the meeting considered agenda item 6 (a).

19. At its 3rd and 4th meetings, held on 10 May, the meeting considered agenda item 6 (b).

20. At its 5th and 6th meetings, held on 11 May, the meeting considered agenda item 6 (c).

21. At its 7th meeting, held on 12 May, the meeting considered agenda item 6 (d).

22. At its 8th meeting, held on 12 May, the meeting considered agenda item 6 (e).

23. At its 9th meeting, held on 13 May, the meeting considered agenda items 6 (f) and 7 (a).

24. At its 10th meeting, held on 13 May, the meeting considered agenda item 7 (b).

Statements by non-governmental organizations

25. At the 9th meeting, statements were made by the representatives of non-governmental organizations.

IV. Adoption of the report

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